

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsburg
Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
November 9, 2017
Wevertown Community Center
2370 State Route 28, Wevertown, NY**

Public Hearing on 2018 Johnsburg Fire Protections District

Mr. Arsenault opened the public hearing and the Town Clerk read the legal notice.

Legal Notice
Public Hearing on Fire Protection
Funding for Johnsburg Fire
Protection District

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Johnsburg, Warren County, New York, will meet and hold a Public Hearing at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY on Thursday November 9, 2017, at 7:00 pm, for considering funding proposed by said Town Board for the five volunteer companies for furnishing of fire protection in the Johnsburg Fire Protection District, at which time and place said Town Board will consider such proposed funding and hear all persons interested in the same.

The following companies are included: North River Vol. Fire Co., Garnet Lake Vol. Fire Co., Bakers Mills/Sodom Vol. Fire Co., Johnsburg Vol. Fire Co., Riverside Vol. Fire Co. - Dated October 17, 2017 - By Order of the Johnsburg Town Board - Jo A Smith, Town Clerk

Mr. Arsenault asked if anyone had any comments they would like to share with the Board

Mrs. McLean questioned what the public hearing is on

Town Clerk explained it was on the Fire District Protections and the amount of money which is in the Budget that they would be receiving for next year

Mr. Arsenault asked Mr. Donohue to talk about their needs.

Mr. Donohue first off would like to comment on a paragraph in the budget that the Town needs to look at 5 years, 10 years, 20 years down the road and whoever wrote the paragraph hit the nail right on the head. There are a lot of questions about fire protection that people never ask, but they have a lot of problem with the expenses. They really need to ask. That it is an expense that the Town of Johnsbury can't afford to be without. Costs are going up every year for each fire company who are trying to stay up with the mandated equipment that they must have. The Town has worked well with them, he believes, of course everyone wants more. Even the fire companies and they can easily spend it just trying to stay updated on the equipment that they need. People who are questioning the fire company and he believes there are a lot in the town, now need to come to the meetings, they need to go to the Fire Company meetings and understand what it takes to run a fire company. It's not a twenty dollar a week job and on top of that he wants everybody to understand that there's no fire company that gets any amount of money for their membership it's 100% volunteer. Part of our fire problem, is people in the Town of Johnsbury really need to decide, is this what they need, is this what they want. Mr. Donohue will tell them right now, this is what they need, they also need to start stepping up and helping the fire companies out. Membership all over New York state is a disaster currently. They had a meeting on the discussion about the Budget but unfortunately had to leave because of a fire call so he is not 100% on how that finished. He thinks he is and as for North River if that is what the Town and the other Chiefs agreed upon then he will go along with it. Mr. Donohue missed the last and final meeting because of an active call and had to go to that.

Mr. Arsenault can you frame what your understanding is of that meeting and what was offered.

Mr. Donohue believes the Town is going to offer them is an increase up to \$50,000 per year – with an increase next year based on he believes it's \$37 no \$47,500 if he is correct which at the end of two years it would be a base salary of just over or just under \$50,000. Which is a good increase, so over the course of two years it will be a \$2,000 increase. It will certainly help, but it won't solve some of the problems that they are having. Mr. Donohue thinks looking forward, in the future, what they are going to do with this, goes back to the tax payers, they need to go home and look at their taxes and see what they are paying for Fire Protection. He believes that if you don't already know, you will be surprised in how little you pay. It was a while ago that the Fire Protection was raised. The town just can't pull money out of the sky if they don't have it coming in, in taxes.

Mr. Arsenault one of the things we talked about, was having the discussion on the future. Coming together and looking at different ways that they can do that. Do you have any feelings as to how they can approach that, rather than funding the way they are funding now? They can't keep pushing forward trying to satisfy their needs and the same time be able to manage the tax side of it.

Mr. Donohue understands that, maybe the only way he can see, is, he doesn't know if the Town has any or if the town is willing to do anything like that but there is a lot of grant money out there in the world. Last time, it cost them money to have a grant wrote, which they have done, but only received one out of five. He knows that it has been stated that possibly consolidation, but he doesn't believe that would ever work. The Fire Companies are privately owned, the town does not own them. If you were to close the North River Fire department or try to consolidate with North Creek it would have to be an agreement with the fire company to continue to use that building and their equipment and the people, he knows and the people he talks to he doesn't believe it will ever come about. He believes the Town will wind up with a bigger area that they need to provide protections for than they have right now. It's an infortune it thing but he doesn't see how that will work. He is willing to sit down and discuss this at length with anybody but there are lots of reasons he doesn't think it will work. To remove a company and replace them with one that is already existing, the biggest down fall is you are dealing with human life. Travel time to reach the far edge of North River for another company you are at least 15 to 20 minutes and again for the fire tax for your home owners is based on where your fire company is. This would mean an increase in your home owners insurance. Most of the companies are up to date with there equipment but some many years the state demands you replace. He has been coming to these meetings for a long time and has been in the North River Fire Company for over 20 years, he is not sure where to go. There are companies that are looking to replace trucks. Their oldest truck is 18 years old and they are not looking to get rid of it, but standards call for them to replace it. Fire standards are based on like Boston, New York City not on North Creek and they just don't get it.

Mrs. McLean had a question – you said it time for the Towns to step up and help you, assuming they want more volunteers, but you get tax money from the town, do you

Mr. Donohue yes

Mrs. McLean so is it a matter of saying to the town board we need more money there or

Mr. Donohue, we are trying not to raise taxes this is the first time he has come out and said anything about raising fire taxes. The Town of Johnsburg has this much money and it goes in every direction and when it's gone it's gone, just because the fire companies need a 3% increase instead of a 1% they just can't pull it out of the sky.

Mrs. McLean and the Fire Company is privately owned by the Firemen

Mr. Donohue, it is privately owned by the Corporation

Mrs. McLean so the Fire company is a corporation in each Town

Mr. Donohue yes except in North Creek

Mrs. McLean what's in North Creek

Mr. Donohue North Creek Fire Company which is owned by the Town of Johnsburg

Mr. Nessle the Town of Johnsburg doesn't own the North Creek Fire Company it's a tax district independent of the Johnsburg Tax District

Mr. Donohue so the Town doesn't own any of them he was mistaken

Mr. Bob Austin said Bakers Mills / Sodom was ok with the contract

Mr. Arnold Stevens stated that fire companies need to get together with the Board on a quarterly schedule, and he knows what they are talking about because he was in Wevertown for over 30 years.

Mr. Jim Jones stated the companies should already be at \$50,000 and that some of the FEMA money should be shared with them being they have had to respond to the emergency.

On motion of Ms. Nightingale and seconded by Mr. Stevens the public hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.

Public Hearing on 2018 Town of Johnsbury Budget

Legal Notice

Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget
for the Town of Johnsbury,
Warren County, New York
for the Year of 2018.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the preliminary budget of the Town of Johnsbury, Warren County, NY for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018, has been completed and filed in the Town Clerk’s Office in the hamlet of North Creek in said Town, where it is available for inspection by any interested person during office hours.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board will meet, and review said preliminary budget and hold a public hearing thereon at 7:00 pm on Thursday November 9, 2017 at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY and that at such time and place any person may be heard in favor or against the preliminary budget as compiled, for or against any item or items therein contained.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, that the following are the proposed yearly salaries of the Town Officers:

Supervisor	\$ 26,029.00
Justice of the Peace	\$13,770.00
Councilpersons (4)	\$ 4,607.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$30,600.00
Highway Superintendent	\$55,162.00

Dated October 17, 2017 - By Order of Town Board - Jo A Smith, Town Clerk -
Town of Johnsbury

Mr. Arsenault explained the Budget:

General Tax reduced by \$60k (which was added to EMS tax) and then increased by amount from cap (\$42700)

Occ Tax Income/Expenditures net O (at \$50K each)

A14204 increased to more reasonable level

A14304 increased to more reasonable level

A16202 Retain the \$10k for Painting TPCC

A16204 Add \$25k for revolving Building up-grades

A19404 2nd payment on Goodman property

A71102 18k, new Parks truck; 15k Storage Bldg

A71104 includes \$10k for surveying park

A71104 includes \$1500 for Beach/Kelly

A71104 includes Grant Matches

Sidewalks / east main 35000 A71104

Station Trail 12500 A71104

Ski Bowl Connectors 15000 A71104

Water Main Install 100000 SW83502

A80104 \$8k increase for one-time software expenditure

A80904 increased to more reasonable level

A89894 includes additional \$5k for Business Alliance toward new shuttle and \$5k for local Development Corp

Raises for Gen/Lib per Board Personnel Committee; Hwy 3% per contract

Health Ins

Gen approx. 11700/mo.; Other-HRA 5@1500 + 6@3000 + 2500
Reimbursement

Hwy approx. 12900/mo.; Other--HRA 6@1500 + 7@3000 + 7500

Reimbursement

Lib approx. 1000/mo.; Other--HRA 3000

DA51101 includes \$10k for sick buy-back and sick payout on retirement

DA51104 includes \$15k for storage bldg.

DA51122 Hwy \$100k Additional paving added

DA51302 increased

Water rate increase 15%, (of prior budgeted amount)

SW83204 includes \$20k Water repairs (hydrants, etc)

River Rd 25k Gen/25kHwy A50102/DA50102

Hwy reserve for closing pit 20k DA56802

Water Tank Reserve 50k (rehab upper tank) SW83502

Additional Goodman lot 25k (highway)/DA 19402

Cap Projects currently

18.6 Buildings

25.2 Reval

On motion of Mr. Stevens and seconded by Ms. Nightingale the public hearing was closed at 8:11 p.m.

Public Hearing on Amending Local Law 2-2008

Mr. Arsenault opened the public hearing and the Town Clerk read the Legal Notice as follows:

Legal Notice

Public Hearing on Amending Local Law 2-2008

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Johnsbury, Warren County, New York, will meet and hold a Public Hearing at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY on Thursday November 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm, for considering amending Local Law 2-2008 entitled amend Johnsbury Town Johnsbury Local Law 2 - 2008 Entitled "A Local Law providing for an exemption to Cold War Veterans from Real Property Taxation" to provide for an extension of the Cold War Veterans Exemption to qualifying owners of qualifying real property for as long as they remain qualifying owners without regard to the ten (10) year limitation in accordance with New York State Real Property Tax Law §458-b, and New York State Municipal Home Rule Law §10, to hear all interested persons and take any necessary action provided by law concerning the proposed Local Law Dated: October 17, 2017 - By Order of the Johnsbury Town Board - Jo A Smith, Town Clerk

Mr. Nessel stated go for it

On motion of Ms. Nightingale and seconded by Mr. Stevens Ms. Nightingale the public hearing was closed at 8:14 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Councilman Arsenault called the meeting to order at 8:14 p.m. and the pledge to the flag was led by Councilman Arsenault.

PRESENT:

Eugene Arsenault -- Councilman
Arnold Stevens -- Councilman
Katharine Nightingale -- Councilwoman
Jo A Smith -- Town Clerk

Absent: Supervisor - Ronald Vanselow
Councilman - Peter Olesheski, Jr

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2017

RESOLUTION #173-17

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept and approve the minutes of the October 17, 2017 Public Hearing & Regular Town Board Meeting.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Stevens, Nightingale)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Councilman Olesheski - Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend tonight's meeting. Unfortunately, another commitment has prevented me from attending. However, I did want to share my thoughts on a few of the items on the agenda.

First, as far as the Johnsbury Fire Protection District contract is concerned, it seems as though the five companies would be happy with receiving \$50,000 per company in 2018. I believe that the Town Board can meet that request and would suggest that we do so by using a portion of the money that has sat in reserve since the Wevertown Fire Company disbanded. However, I also feel that the Town Board and Fire Companies need to commit to meeting at least quarterly next year, beginning in January, to try and come up with a sustainable, long term plan for funding the district.

Second, as far as the Town's 2018 budget is concerned, I feel that Gene Arsenault did an excellent job and should be commended for the time, energy and thought that went into the preparation. I appreciate the use of general fund balance to ensure that we can stay under the tax cap. I do not believe that any changes need to be made at this time and would encourage my fellow Board members to pass the budget as is.

Third, I believe that the local law pertaining to the extension of an exemption for Cold War Veterans should be passed.

Finally, as it pertains to the contract between ORDA and the Town, I believe that we have finally reached a fair and acceptable agreement that benefits both parties. Although it has taken much longer than we expected to complete this process, I feel that the Town Board should be satisfied with the contract that we now have and move to approve it tonight. I am excited about the future of Ski Bowl Park and

I have high hopes that our business community will see great benefits from ORDA's year-round operation there. Thank you to everyone who has been involved with trying to get this agreement finalized.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NEW BUSINESS:

2018 JOHNSBURG FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION #174-17

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept and approve the 2018 Johnsburg Fire Protection District funding totaling \$50,000, which is achieved by a 2.5% increase and a onetime payment from the General Fund Balance, and quarterly meetings.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Stevens, Nightingale) Nays - 0

2018 TOWN OF JOHNSBURG BUDGET

RESOLUTION #175-17

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to accept and approve the finalized 2018 Town of Johnsburg Budget which will include \$10,000 to pay the assistant at Tannery Pond.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Stevens, Nightingale) Nays - 0

AMENDING LOCAL LAW 2-2008

RESOLUTION #176-17

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to accept and approve the following Local Law #2-2017

TOWN OF JOHNSBURG
LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2017
AMENDING
LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2008
A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION
TO COLD WAR
VETERANS FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION

Be it enacted by the Town board of the Town of Johnsburg as follows:

Section 1: Title.

The title of this local law shall be "Town of Johnsburg Cold War Veterans Exemption From Real Property Taxation Local Law."

Section 2: Authority.

This local law is enacted pursuant to the authority of: a) Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10 (l) (i), which authorizes a Town to adopt a local law not in consistent with the provisions of the Constitution or not inconsistent with any general law relating to its property, affairs or government; and b) Real Property Law Sections 2(a) and 2(b) and 458-b, which authorizes a Town to adopt a local law to grant an exemption from real property taxation to veteran of the "Cold War", as that term is therein defined.

Section 3: Definitions.

As used in this Local Law;

(a) "**Cold War Veteran**" means, male or female, who served on active duty in the United States armed forces, during the time period from September second, nineteen hundred forty-five to December twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred ninety-one, was discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions and satisfies any other requirements set forth in Section 458-b(1)(a) of the New York State Real Property Tax Law.

(b) "**Armed forces**" means the United States army, navy, Marine Corps, air force, and coast guard.

(c) "**Active Duty**" means full-time duty in the United States armed forces, other than active duty for training.

(d) "**Service connected**" means, with respect to disability or death, that such disability was incurred or aggravated, or that the death resulted from a disability incurred or aggravated, in the line of duty on active military, naval, or air service.

(e) "**Qualified owner**" means a Cold War veteran, the spouse of a Cold War veteran, or the un-remarried surviving spouse of a deceased Cold War veteran. Where property is owned by more than one qualified owner, the exemption to which each is entitled may be combined. Where a veteran is also un-remarried surviving spouse of a veteran, such person may also receive any exemption to which the deceased spouse was entitled.

(f) "**Qualified residential real property**" means property owned by a qualified owner which is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided, however, that in the event that any portion of such property is not used exclusively for residential purposes, but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and only the remaining portion used exclusively for residential purposes shall be subject to the exemption provided by this section. Such property shall be the primary residence of the Cold War veteran or the un-remarried surviving spouse of a Cold War veteran; unless the Cold War veteran or un-remarried surviving spouse is absent from the property due to the medical reasons or institutionalization subject to such time limitations, if any, as are set forth in Section 458-b(1) (f) of the New York State Real Property Tax Law.

(g) "**Latest state equalization rate**" means the latest final equalization rate established by the New York State Board of Real Property Tax Services pursuant to article twelve of the New York State Real Property Tax Law.

(h) "**Latest class ratio**" means the latest final class ratio established by the New York State Board of Real Property Tax Services pursuant to title one of article twelve of the New York State Real Property Tax Law for use in a special assessing unit as defined in section eighteen hundred one of the New York State Real Property Tax Law.

Section 3: Amount of Exemption; Limitations.

(a) Qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from the taxation to the extent of fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of such property; provided

however, that such exemption shall not exceed Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) or the product of Twelve Thousand dollars (\$12,000) multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit, or, in the case' of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio.

(b) In addition to the exemption provided by subdivision "(a)" of this Section "3", where the Cold War veteran received a compensation rating from the United States veterans affairs or from the United States department of defense because of a service related disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property, multiplied by fifty percent of the cold war veteran disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) or the product of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio. The exemption provided by paragraph (A) of this subdivision shall apply to qualifying owners of qualifying real property for as long as they remain qualifying owners, without regard to the ten (10) year limitation set forth in New York State Real Property Tax Law §458-b.

Section 4: Application for Exemption.

(c) Application for the exemption set forth in this Local Law shall be made by the qualified owner, or all of the qualified owners, of the property on a form prescribed by the New York State Board of Real Property Tax Services. The owner or owners shall file the completed form in their local assessors' office on or before the first appropriate taxable status date. The owner or owners of the property shall be required to refile at such times under such circumstances as may be set forth in Section 45 8-b(4) of the New York State Real Property Tax Law.

Section 5: Penalties.

The making of any willful false statement in the application for an exemption under this Local Law shall be a violation thereof and upon a conviction for any such violation, the person so convicted shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in the Penal Law.

Section 6: Severability.

If any term or provision of this local law, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall to any extent be determined by a court of competent

jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this local law, or the application of such term or provision to person or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each term and provision of this local law shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Section 7: Effect of Other Laws.

All ordinances and local laws in conflict with the provisions of this local law are hereby suspended and superseded to the extent necessary to give this local law full force and effect. Upon the repeal of this local law, however, any ordinances or local laws so suspended and superseded by virtue of the provisions of this Local Law shall again be deemed to be in full force and effect in accordance with their terms unless expressly modified, suspended or repealed by the terms of another ordinance or local law hereafter adopted.

Section 8: Effective Date and Duration.

This local law shall take effect upon adoption and filing with the Secretary of State, as provided in Section 27(3) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and shall apply to assessment rolls based on taxable status dates occurring on or after such date.

ENACTED this 9TH day of November 2017 by the Town Board of the Town of Johnsburg, Warren County, New York.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Stevens, Nightingale) Nays - 0

TANNERY POND COMMUNITY CENTER – DONNA WELCH

Presentation to Board Members Town of Johnsburg November 9, 2017

What is Tannery Pond Center

Our Vision for Tannery Pond Community Center

What's Been Happening Over the Past Eighteen Months

Building Usage

# Activities	# Days Used	
2012 – 239	143	
2013 – 438	282	
2014 – 419	256	
2015 – 507	279	
2016 – 490	281	
2017 – 640*	305*	*estimated through December 31, 2017

Examples of Tannery Pond Center's programs and events at TPCC this year: Music - classical, jazz, folk, Latin, blues, and rock and roll / Operating the fine arts gallery with its new exhibits and opening receptions every month / Lectures and presentations / Song writing competition / Movies

TPC's programs and activities are 10% of total building usage.

Examples of community members building use: Bridal showers and weddings / Birthday parties, holiday parties / Yoga classes, art classes, music lessons / Lots and lots of meetings and fund raisers / Theater performances by OTTG, Adirondack Shakespeare, and Gem Radio Theater / North Country Singers / Holiday and Spring concerts with adults' and children's groups Children's parties / OTTG Summer Theater workshops for children / Seagle Colony children's opera / Earth Day activities / Children's Zumba class

Examples of use by regional groups: Several ADK activities including the Cold River Chapter 85-person pot luck supper / Adirondack Wild Annual Meeting / Nature Conservancy Invasive Species Workshop / New York Travel Writers Association Board meeting / Regional Chamber Job Fair / White Water Derby Activities / Race Headquarters for Nordic Championships / Community Fund for Gore Mountain Region meetings and events / New York SkiMuseum board meeting / STRIVE (national youth leadership organization) strategic planning meeting / Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts performances / Lake George Music Festival

Community and Regional programs and activities are 90% of total building usage.

Arts are good business: 2013 national study: \$44.5 billion of economic activity from the performing arts / 4.7 million full-time jobs

Change in our leadership model

We are actively pursuing outside sources of funding

Some lessons we have learned: The public-private partnership between Tannery Pond Center and the Town of Johnsborg is one of our major strengths / Our committed Board members and volunteers are a key factor in our successes / This public private partnership can leverage other funding / We cannot support this increase in use by ourselves. We need the Town to work with us on funding so that we can meet the demand for use of Tannery Pond Community Center

ORDA CONTRACT

Mr. Pratt stated that he just received the contract at 4 pm today and he would like their attorney to look at it before signing.

RESOLUTION #177-17

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept and approve Mr. Arsenault to sign the ORDA Contract.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Stevens, Nightingale) Nays - 0

SENIOR /AGED EXEMPTION INCOME LIMITS

Mr. Holt explained that we have 86 seniors in our town and the RPTL 467 exemption for limited income seniors allows them to receive a partial exemption on their town and county property taxes. Warren County sets the lower income limit at \$24,000 with a sliding scale. This means that home owners 65 and older with less than \$24,000 annual income have their county taxes calculated based on 50% of their current assessment.

The Town of Johnsborg currently sets the lower limit at \$15,025 (which is the 2ND lowest in the county). Mr. Holt recommend that the town of Johnsborg start using the same limits as Warren County, so that our seniors will receive the same

level of exemption for the calculation of their town taxes. This will also bring us in line the rest of the towns in Warren County

The sliding scale would be:

Annual Income INCLUDING Social Security

\$0.00 up to \$24,000. 50% off Town Tax Bill

More than \$24,000. but less than \$25,000. 45% off Town Tax Bill

\$25,000. or more, but less than \$26,000. 40% off Town Tax Bill

\$26,000. or more, but less than \$27,000. 35% off Town Tax Bill

\$27,000. or more, but less than \$27,900. 30% off Town Tax Bill

\$27,900. or more, but less than \$28,800. 25% off Town Tax Bill

\$28,800. or more, but less than \$29,700. 20% off Town Tax Bill

\$29,700. or more, but less than \$30,600. 15% off Town Tax Bill

\$30,600. or more, but less than \$31,500. 10% off Town Tax Bill

\$31,500. or more, but less than \$32,400 5% off Town Tax Bill

RESOLUTION #178-17

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens Authorizing increase in real property tax exemption limit for persons 65 years of age or older to \$24,000 in combination with a sliding scale of increments levels of \$1,000.

Whereas, it is provided by Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law that a municipal corporation may adopt a resolution which shall provide a partial exemption from Real Property owned by persons 65 years of age or over pursuant to the limitations and conditions set forth within the statute, and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Johnsbury adopted this resolution to amend the former resolution to increase the maximum income eligibility level of such municipal corporation from \$24,000 by 50% in combination with a sliding scale increment levels of \$1,000.00, and therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Johnsbury hereby adopts a partial exemption from Town Taxes of real property owned by persons qualified pursuant to the provisions of Sections 467 of the real Property Tax Law, provided the combined income of the qualified owners does not exceed the sum of Twenty Four thousand Dollars (\$24,000) for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of make application and on their Primary Residence, for example pursuant

to Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, in combination with a sliding scale of increment levels of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) as follows:

Annual Income INCLUDING Social Security

- \$0.00 up to \$24,000. 50% off Town Tax Bill
- More than \$24,000. but less than \$25,000. 45% off Town Tax Bill
- \$25,000. or more, but less than \$26,000. 40% off Town Tax Bill
- \$26,000. or more, but less than \$27,000. 35% off Town Tax Bill
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- \$28,800. or more, but less than \$29,700. 20% off Town Tax Bill
- \$29,700. or more, but less than \$30,600. 15% off Town Tax Bill
- \$30,600. or more, but less than \$31,500. 10% off Town Tax Bill
- \$31,500. or more, but less than \$32,400 5% off Town Tax Bill

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Stevens, Nightingale) Nays - 0

SKI BOWL LOOP ROAD

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT #9-2017

Mr. Arsenault stated that the ZEO's report was in the Boards packet.

PORTER ROAD

Town of Johnsbury Town Board
Resolution #179

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept and approve

WHEREAS: The State of New York has established a local highway inventory for road maintained by the Town of Johnsbury (here after known as 'the Town') Highway Department And,

WHEREAS: The afore mentioned inventory does not accurately reflect the length of certain roads in the town and,

WHEREAS: It is in the Town's best interest to correct said inventory,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following represents a true and accurate record of changes to the State inventory list:

- **Porter Rd** – add .69 miles, total length 1.06 miles, begins - Riverside Station, ends – dead end

Furthermore, the Town recognizes this road is a Town road, the Town is responsible for it legally and for its maintenance and it is open to the travelling public without restriction.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Stevens, Nightingale) Nays – 0

HHN CONTRACT FOR DOT PHYSICALS / STANDARD MEDICAL SERVICES

Mr. Arsenault explained that we have received the contracts for 2018 from HHHN and Standard Medical Services for DOT Physicals and no changes from 2017 and would like authorization to sign.

RESOLUTION #180-17

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept and approve Mr. Arsenault to sign the contracts for 2018 with HHHN and Standard Medical Service for DOT Physicals.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Stevens, Nightingale) Nays - 0

RED BARN REMOVAL

Mr. Arsenault stated that he had received quotes on the removal of the Red Barn and the lowest is \$5,000 for the removal which includes putting up a small storage shed for the fuel tank is from Keitan Millington.

RESOLUTION #181-17

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept and approve Mr. Millington's bid in the amount of \$5,000 for the removal of the Red Barn and the construction of

a small storage shed for the fuel tank.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3
(Arsenault, Stevens, Nightingale) Nays - 0

WARRANT FOR NOVEMBER 9,2017

RESOLUTION #182-17

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to pay the following certified bills:

General Fund (Total \$45,516.04) - Claims # 17-1103 to 17-1125; 17-1131 to 17-1142; 17-1145; 17-1171; 17-1172; 17-1176; 17-1177; 17-1179; 17-1180; 17-1182 to 17-1187

Highway Fund (Total \$93,761.86) - Claims #17-1137 to 17-1140; 17-1149 to 17-1169; 17-1171; 17-1173; 17-1178; 17-1181

Water District (Total \$7,766.22) – Claims # 17-1138; 17-1143; 17-1144; 17-1146; 17-1147; 17-1148; 17-1174; 17-1175

Public Library Fund (Total \$2,996.41) – Claims #17-1126 to 17-1130; 17-1139; 17-1140; 17-1171

Trust & Agency Fund (Total \$3,227.62) – Claims #17-1137; 17-1138; 17-1140

Total all warrants \$153,268.15

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3
(Arsenault, Stevens, Nightingale) Nays – 0

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ms. Nettle suggested buying the Sweets Property next to the EMS Building which already has storage buildings on it.

Mr. Bruce Dunkley asked if the Town was going to do a resolution for Fred Hitchcock who was in the Bakers Mills / Sodom Fire Department (1975) for 42 years.

Mr. Nessel doesn't think it's right that the County gets all the money from the property Tax auction especially on the Wevertown Fire House which went for \$64,000.

On Motion of Ms. Nightingale and seconded by Mr. Stevens the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on November 21, 2017 at Tannery Pond Community Center, North Creek, NY

Prepared by Jo A Smith, Town Clerk
